

Barbados



Introduction

Barbados is the easternmost of the Caribbean Islands in the Atlantic Ocean. Neighboring islands include Trinidad and Tobago, Saint Vincent, and the Grenadines. The



government system is a constitutional democracy. The chief of state is President Dame Sandra Mason. Barbados is an open-market economy in which the prices of goods and services are determined in a

free price system. Barbados is a member of the Caribbean Community (CARICOM).



Location: Caribbean

Capital City: Bridgetown (-4 GMT)

Chief of State: President Dame Sandra Mason Head of Govt.: Prime Minister Mia Mottley Currency: Barbadian dollar (BBD)

Major Languages: English (official), Bajan (Englishbased creole language, widely spoken

in informal settings)

Primary Religions: Protestant 66.4% (includes Anglican 23.9%, other Pentecostal 19.5%, Adventist 5.9%, Methodist 4.2%, Wesleyan 3.4%, Nazarene 3.2%, Church of God 2.4%, Baptist 1.8%, Moravian 1.2%, other Protestant 0.9%), Roman Catholic 3.8%, other Christian 5.4% (includes Jehovah's Witness 2.0%, other 3.4%), Rastafarian 1%, other 1.5%, none 20.6%, unspecified 1.2% (2010 est.)

Calling Code: 1-246 Voltage: 115

Key Websites

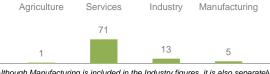
Main Government Page: gov.bb

Commerce Ministry: commerce.gov.bb Export Promotion Agency: investbarbados.org

Key Economic Facts

| High Income |
|------------------------|
| Developing |
| \$5.02 billion (2022) |
| 10.00% (2022) |
| \$17,837.45 (2022) |
| 5.06% (2021) |
| -\$0.30 billion (2017) |
| 4.10% (2019) |
| 142,648 (2022) |
| 8.20% (2022) |
| \$1.96 billion (2021) |
| \$1.47 billion (2021) |
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GDP Composition %



*Although Manufacturing is included in the Industry figures, it is also separately reported because it plays a critical role in economy.

Rankings

| Index | Rank |
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| Corruption Perceptions Index | 29 / 178 |
| Global Competitiveness Index | 77 / 141 |
| Index of Economic Freedom | 29 / 176 |
| KOF Index of Globalization | 93 / 185 |

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